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SUBJ: CYPRUS SIT-REP-DEMONSTRATION AT BRITISH CONGEN

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1. IN WAKE OF VIOLENT ANTI-BRITISH TONE OF ISTANBUL PRESS IN PAST TWO DAYS, GROUP OF 20 TO 25 MEMBERS OF TURKISH NATIONAL STUDENTS UNION GATHERED AT BRITISH CONSULATE GENERAL AT NOON TODAY, AUGUST 15, AND HUNG ANTI-BRITISH POSTERS ON WALL IN FRONT OF CONSULATE. POSTERS, IN TURKISH AND ENGLISH, CARRY SUCH SLOGANS AS "YESTERDAY THE ANZACS, TODAY THE GURKYJS," "REMEMBER THE DARDENELLES," "UK GO BACK TO YOUR ISLAND", "WE SHALL BURY IMPERIALISM INTO (SIC) THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA," "IMPERIALISTS TAKE YOUR DIRTY HANDS OFF CYPRUS" AND "WE INVITE THE GREEK PEOPLE TO A COMMON STRUGGLE AGAINST IMPERIALISM."

2. ACCORDING ONE JUNIOR CONGEN OFFICIAL, WHEN GATE GUARD ATTEMPTED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REMOVE SIGNS, HE WAS BEATEN BY STUDENTS WITHOUT INTEFERENCE BY

THREE OR FOUR UNIFORMED POLICE ON DUTY. HE SAID CONGEN HAD INFORMED POLICE HEADQUARTERS BUT SO FAR NO ACTION TAKEN. BRITISG CG AND TOP OFFICERS ARE IN MEETING AND HAVE BEEN UNABLE REACH THEM AS OF 1500 HOURS. THERE IS CROWD OF SOME 35-40 PEOPLE IN FRONT OF GATE AT CONGEN BUT DIFFICULT TELL WHETHER THEY PARTICIPANTS OR MERELY CURIOUS SPECTATORS. THERE NO SIGN OF UNRULY OR BOISTEROUS BEHAVIOR.

3. WILL ATTEMPT GET MORE AUTHORITATIVE ASSESSMENT FROM SENIOR BRITISH REPS WHEN AVAILABLE. IF IT TRUE THAT POLICE HAVE BEEN UNRESPONSIVE, IT WOULD BE VERY CONTRARY TO PAST EXPERIENCE. ASIDE THIS ONE INCIDENT, ISTANBUL HAS APPEARED OUTWARDLY NORMAL DURING PAST 24 HOURS. THERE WAS NO RPT NO BALCKOUT LAST NIGHT AS IN PREVIOUS CRISIS. WE HAVE SEEN NO RPT NO SIGNS OF ANTI-AMERICAN SENTIMENT TO DATE. NUMBER OF INQUIRIES FROM AMERICAN TOURISTS FEWER THAN IN PREVIOUS CRISIS AND THERE NO RPT NO SIGNS OF PANIC AMONG THOSE STRANDED HERE. WE ARE PROVIDING ASSURANCES ALONG LINES REFTEL.

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